



CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

Christian Reformed Church of St. Joseph

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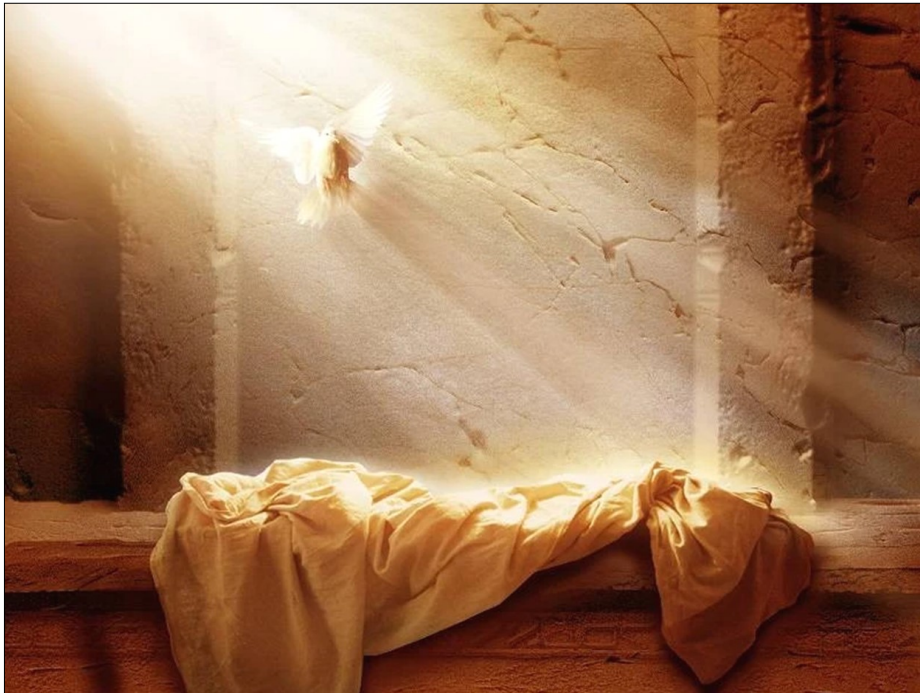
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stand if able**



“A Better Way, A Better Day”

Rev. John R. DeVries

April 17, 2022

Prelude & Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

* *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (Hymn to Joy)”*

* God’s Greeting / Mutual Greeting

* *“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”*

Reading of the Law

“Come, O Sinner”

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Ministry Shares

Offering of Music

Please Sign and Pass the Friendship Pads

Children ages 3 1/2 through 2nd grade are invited
to Children & Worship

Prayer for Church and World

Scripture: Luke 20:27-40

Message: “A Better Way, A Better Day”

Prayer of Surrender and Joy

* *“Hallelujah, What a Savior”*

* Benediction

* *“Alleluia! Alleluia!”*

Postlude

**Giant Print Bibles are near the sound board for use
during the service. Ask an usher for one.**

We welcome you to our multi-generational congregation with multi-generational worship. While we do invite children 3 1/2 through 2nd grade to attend their own special time of worship at the mid-point of the service, our ultimate goal is for the full family of God to worship together as much as possible. This adds richness and depth to our worship, but sometimes also minor distractions as parents train their children to take their place in the corporate worship of God. If you are currently training your children for this goal, we understand and strongly support you. Be at ease. If you are not in that position in life, please respond to any minor distractions with patience and grace.

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Nursery - Peggy Clore, Jim Panozzo, Lydia Beran

Children & Worship - Deb Bodine (leader), Kendall Boersen, Micah Johnson

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday: Josh Wingate

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Joe & Karen Killian '63

Weather Related Cancellation Policy - If 2 hours prior to any scheduled church activity there is a Tornado Warning in effect within 1 hour of the start of that activity, the activity will be cancelled automatically. Cancellations will be communicated by church email and Remind.com text.

Our Church Today

Welcome to the Christian Reformed Church of St. Joseph!

It is with great joy that we gather to worship our risen Lord Jesus Christ!

For those joining us by live stream, we welcome you in that same joy.

If you are visiting this morning, a warm welcome to you! May you be greatly blessed through this time of worship.

Sunday School and 1Family are NOT taking place this morning. Both resume next Sunday, April 24.

Activities Today:

7:45 AM	Worship Team
7:45 AM	Easter Breakfast
9:00 AM	Worship Service

Our Church Going Forward

Annual Church Clean Up Day - this Saturday, April 23, 8:00 am - 11:30 am. Lunch provided at 11:30.

Indoor and outdoor work *for all ages*. Come for however much time you are able. **Even if the weather does not look good**, clean up day will take place. Plenty to do inside, and our outdoor warriors tend to forge ahead anyway!

For Outdoor Work: Please bring rakes, gloves, pruners, wheelbarrows, step-ladders, etc. Mike Klunder will be there to coordinate outdoor work.

For Indoor Work: Please bring buckets, rags, gloves (cleaning products provided). A list of tasks will be just inside the main door on the shelf. Write your name by a task you will work on, and when it's done, cross it off the list. Church staff will be there to coordinate indoor work.

Questions? Call the church office at 429-5541.

A Profession of Faith Class will be taking place this spring. Young People, have you accepted the promises made to you at your baptism and responded in faith to the gospel? Are you ready to "confess with your mouth" that Jesus is Lord? If so, **sign up at the Info Center by next Sunday, April 24**, and class dates and times will be selected based on participants' schedules. Contact Pastor John or the office if you have any questions.

The CRCSJ Community Garden will soon be ready for planting again this year! If you would like a plot, let the church office know by May 8. Cost is \$35 for a 20 x 20, or \$20 for a 10 x 20. Payments can be turned in to the office. Make checks payable to CRCSJ and write "Garden" on memo line. See Keith Lubbers with any questions.

Our church has been blessed with a scholarship fund that is available to all who meet its qualifying criteria.

To qualify you must:

- 1) Be a participating member of the CRCSJ
- 2) Maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher
- 3) Have a financial need, and
- 4) Be accepted as a student to a college or university or other approved educational training program. (Most graduate school education is no longer eligible for the scholarship.)

To be eligible for the 2022-23 school year awards:

- Complete and return the scholarship application **by May 29** to both John Welch (jdwelch79@gmail.com) and the church office (office@crsjs.org).
- Previous scholarship recipients must reapply for the 2022-23 school year.

To have an application emailed to you, contact the church office.

If you have any questions, contact John Welch.

Parables in the Park is restarting on May 4! We are in need of volunteers to lead. As the leader you will:

- Arrive at the park 5-10 minutes early to select a meeting spot
- Welcome attendees and mingle with the kids & adults
- Around 10:30am, pass out the snack and invite the kids to join you as you read them the weekly story
- Pray and pass out the books

That's it! Please consider volunteering for at least a week or two this summer. Contact Erin Beran.

At 1Family next Sunday, April 24:

5:30 - 7:00pm - Ministries for All Ages

Adults - Men's Discipleship; Women's Bible Study

Roots (high school youth group) - Game Night

Impact (middle school youth group) - Game Night

3 1/2 years old - 5th grade - Treasure Hunters

Newborn - 3 1/2 years old - Nursery

7:00 - 7:30pm - Whole Family Worship

Activities This Week

Tuesday	7:00 PM	Kotanko/Lubbers Bridal Shower
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Connections Women's Bible Study
	12:00 PM	Staff Meeting
	5:00 PM	6th - 8th Grade Catechism Class
Thursday	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
	6:30 AM	Corporate Prayer
	10:30 AM	Soup Kitchen
Friday	7:00 PM	Roots Spectacular Game Night
Saturday	8:00 AM	Church Clean Up Day

Worship

Worship Schedule

Apr 24	Pastor John DeVries Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Faith Promise
May 1	Pastor John DeVries Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Benevolence Fund
May 8	Pastor John DeVries Special: Communion Offering: 1) General Fund 2) Young Life
May 15	Pastor John DeVries Offering: 1) General Fund

Come for Corporate Prayer on Thursdays, 6:30am at church, with the continued option to attend online via Zoom. A worshipful time of communing with the Lord together.

From Our Deacons

	March	Year To Date
Budget	\$26,313	\$78,939
Giving	\$17,008	\$68,438
Expenses	\$27,660	\$74,729
Surplus/Deficit	-\$10,652	-\$6,291

Women

Sign up for the Women's Prayer Retreat taking place on Saturday, April 30, 8:45am – 3:30pm at The Lodge (owned by Life Action Ministries) in Buchanan, MI. There is no cost - just the investment of your time to withdraw from the busyness of life and spend concentrated time with the Lord in a beautiful, quiet setting.

- Carpooling from church, leaving at 8:15am and returning at 4:00pm.
- Space is limited. Sign up at the Info Center or contact the church office.
- Please bring your own lunch.
- Materials will be available to help guide your prayer time, or bring your own.
- Contact Judy White if you have questions.

Youth

Roots Spectacular Game Night - Friday, April 22 7:00-9:30pm. Join us for a night of games and snacks in the Fellowship Hall. Bring friends!

Community Opportunities

Steve Schultz' sister, Sarah, is a missionary and has spoken at our church in the past. She is sharing about her last few years serving in Chad on Thursday, April 21, 6:30 – 8:00pm at The Chapel, 4250 Washington Ave. in St. Joseph. All are invited to come hear stories, see photos, and end with a time of prayer. If you can't make the exact time, that is no problem - please come late or leave early as needed!

Christian Reformed Church of St. Joseph

OUR MISSION

We are a Great Commission congregation:
Reaching the lost and teaching the found on our journey to maturity in Christ.

OUR VISION

We are an Equipping Church: guiding people of all ages and circumstances to answer God's call and use their gifts to make a difference in the world as disciples of Christ.

STAFF

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>E-mail Address</u>	<u>In Office</u>
Pastor	John DeVries	jdevries@crsj.org	Tu-Fri
Administrative Asst.	Carol Bly	office@crsj.org	Tu-Wed
Secretary	Beth Wolf	office@crsj.org	Th-Fri
Director of Youth Ministries	Lesleigh Wingate	lwingate@crsj.org	
Director of Education & Shared Ministries	Erin Beran	eberan@crsj.org	
Director of Worship	Will Burrows	wburrows@crsj.org	

COUNCIL

Pastor John DeVries
Keith Lubbers (2021-23) - Chair, Worship Liaison
Kurt Beran (2021-23) - Vice-Chair
Paul Toman (2022-24) - Education Liaison,
Men's Liaison
John Welch (2022-24) - Youth Liaison
Josh Wingate (2020-22) - Classis Delegate
John Burtchett (2020-22) - Classis Delegate
Jane Grotevant (2021-23) - Hospitality
Sally Larm (2022-24) - Women's Liaison
Rob Schripsema (2021-23)
Michelle Sykora (2020-22) - Clerk, Cultural Engagement
Liaison, & Alternate Classis Delegate

ELDERS

Pastor John DeVries - Chair
Keith Lubbers - Vice-Chair
Kurt Beran
Paul Toman
John Welch - Clerk
Josh Wingate

ELDER DISTRICTS

A - C: Kurt Beran
D - J: John Welch
K - N: Josh Wingate
O - S: Paul Toman
T - Z: Keith Lubbers

DEACONS

John Burtchett - Chair
Rob Schripsema - Vice-Chair, Pantry,
Benevolence
Jane Grotevant - Soup Kitchen
Sally Larm - Pantry, Benevolence
Michelle Sykora - Clerk

Contact any of the deacons
regarding benevolence requests

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Kurt Beran - Chair
Pastor John DeVries - Vice-Chair (Elder Chair)
John Welch (Finance)
John Burtchett (Deacon Chair)
Jane Grotevant (Deacon)
Carol Bly (Admin)